

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Order Instituting Rulemaking on the Commission's  
Proposed Policies and Programs Governing post-  
2003 Low-Income Assistance Programs.

R. 04-01-006

And Related Matters:

A.05-06-005

A.05-06-009

A.05-06-012

A.05-06-013

**NOTICE OF OCTOBER 6, 2005 FULL PANEL HEARING  
IN LOS ANGELES**

TO ALL PARTIES:

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California has set the full panel hearing in the above-entitled matter before a quorum of the Commission with Assigned Commissioner Dian M. Grueneich and Administrative Law Judge Steven A. Weissman, for October 6, 2005, at 1:30 p.m., in the Junipero Sierra State Office Building, 320 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor- Auditorium, Los Angeles, California.

Consumers will face significantly higher natural gas bills this coming winter, as a result of higher gas costs faced by utilities, in recent months. The impact of Hurricane Katrina on gas production, processing and transportation facilities has the potential to make gas costs even higher. This is also likely to result in higher electric bills. The Commission will hold a full-panel hearing in order to hear from the utilities about the bill increases which they foresee and to address the potential impact of such increases on low- and fixed-income customers. The Commission will explore a full range of actions that the utilities, regulators, and individual consumers can undertake to reduce the impact of the higher costs.

At the hearing, the Commission hopes to hear not only from the utilities, but also from consumer and community groups, local elected officials and other community leaders, and individual consumers. This is an opportunity to better understand the impact of higher bills on consumers and to identify the best ways to reduce these impacts. In addition, the Commission encourages members of its Low Income Oversight Board to participate in this meeting, and hereby provides notice that one or more members of that board may be in attendance. The Commission will publish an agenda for the hearing, and post it on the Commission's web site: [cpuc.ca.gov](http://cpuc.ca.gov).

The Commission hereby directs the energy utilities to prepare for presentation at the full panel hearing proposals for reducing bill impacts for low income customers during the coming months and to provide those proposals to the Commission as comments filed in this docket no later than September 28, 2005.

Please address questions about this hearing to the Public Advisor's Office at 213/576-7055, or toll free 866-849-8391, or by e-mail at [public.advisor.la@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:public.advisor.la@cpuc.ca.gov).

Parties desiring expedited or daily transcripts should advise the Chief Hearing Reporter by telephone at (415) 703-2288, no later than three days prior to the first day of hearing.

If you have questions about the hearing date, time, or place, call the Calendar Clerk at (415) 703-1203.

**BY ORDER OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION.**

Dated September 13, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ANGELA K. MINKIN

ANGELA K. MINKIN  
Chief Administrative Law Judge